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Confirmation No.: 3217

Application No.: 09/884,675

Examiner: C. A. Harkness

Filing Date: 06/19/2001

Group Art Unit: 2183

Title: HARDWARE EFFICIENT HANDLING OF INSTRUCTION EXCEPTIONS TO LIMIT ADVERSE  
IMPACT ON PERFORMANCE

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## AMENDMENT

**Sir:**

In response to the Office action of June 30, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.**

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.